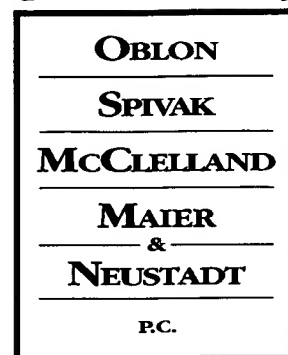




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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In response to the Election Requirement dated December 14, 2004, Applicants elect First Species, identified in the outstanding Official Action as corresponding to Figure 1 for further examination on the merits. Applicants identify Claims 1-3 as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-3 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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